

# **Towel Manufacturers' Association of Pakistan**

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## **BUSINESS RECORDER**

### **[Jul-Jan textile exports post 1.25pc growth YoY](#)**

ISLAMABAD: The country's textile sector exports have experienced a growth of 1.25 percent during the first seven months (July-January) of the 2025-26 financial year, reaching USD 10.904 billion, compared to USD 10.777 billion in the same period of 2024-25, according to the advance release of external trade statistics for December 2025, issued on Tuesday.

### **[H1 LSM posts 4.82pc growth YoY](#)**

ISLAMABAD: The Large Scale Manufacturing (LSM) sector recorded a growth of 4.82 percent in the first half (July-December) of 2025-26, compared to the same period last year, primarily driven by strong performances in the automobile, petroleum, garments, and cement sectors.

### **[Remittance boost: C/A back to surplus in Jan](#)**

KARACHI: Pakistan's current account returned to surplus in January 2026, supported by higher inflows of workers' remittances. According to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), the current account posted a surplus of USD 121 million in January 2026, compared with a deficit of USD 265 million in December 2025.

### **[B-3 industrial consumers: APTMA seeks enhancement of load limit](#)**

ISLAMABAD: The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has sought enhancement of the existing load limit for electricity supply through 11 kV dedicated feeders from 7.5 MW to 10 MW for B-3 industrial consumers, subject to availability of grid and feeder capacity and recovery of proportionate grid-sharing charges under the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) Consumer Service Manual (CSM).

### **[FBR revises centralised customs examination system](#)**

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has revised the Centralised Customs Examination system by allocating a maximum 10-day period for examination to all Appraisers (examination) of the Collectorates of Customs, Appraisalment- East, West, and SAPT, Karachi, to work at specific Port terminal/Off-dock terminal (ODT).

### **[Indonesian CG visits KATI's office to strengthen economic diplomacy](#)**

KARACHI: The Consul General of Indonesia in Karachi, Mudzakir, visited the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI) and met with the association's leadership at its office to explore opportunities for strengthening trade, investment, and industrial cooperation between the two countries.

### **[SNGPL says will ensure uninterrupted supply to consumers](#)**

ISLAMABAD: Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Ltd (SNGPL) on Tuesday announced to supply uninterrupted gas supply to consumers of Punjab, Khyber Paktunkwa, Islamabad and parts of Azad Jammu Kashmir from 3am to 10:30 pm during Ramazan.

### **SECP issues list of 125 dissolved companies**

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has released a list of 125 foreign companies - comprising branch and liaison offices - that have been formally wound up as of January 20, 2026. The publication also included data from several preceding years, providing a broader historical record of closures.

### **THE RUPEE PKR: marginal gain**

KARACHI: The Pakistani rupee registered marginal gain against the US dollar in the inter-bank market on Tuesday. At close, the local currency settled at 279.60, a gain of Re0.01 against the greenback. On Monday, the local currency closed at 279.61, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

### **Govt sets Zakat Nisab**

KARACHI: The federal government has fixed the “Nisab for Zakat” for the year 1446-47 A.H. at Rs 503,529 for deductions from savings bank accounts, profit and loss sharing accounts, and similar deposits. This year’s Nisab is about 180 percent higher than that of 1445-46 A.H., when it was set at Rs 179,689.

### **Bank holiday**

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) will remain closed for public dealing on 1st Ramazan-ul-Mubarak, 1447 A.H., which shall be observed as “Bank Holiday” for the purpose of deduction of Zakat.

## **DAWN NEWSPAPER**

### **Textile exports show slight revival in January**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan’s textile and clothing exports recorded a paltry growth of 3.14 per cent in January from a year ago, signalling a revival in the export proceeds from the sectors. The export proceeds from the sector recorded a negative growth since October. Exports fell by 8.56pc in December 2025, 2.57pc in November, and 0.57pc in October.

### **Large industry output rises 4.8pc in July-December**

ISLAMABAD: Pakis-tan’s Large-Scale Manu-fac---turing (LSM) sector posted a year-on-year growth of 4.82 per cent in the first half of FY26, indicating a marginal rise in the industrial production. However, industrial production growth in December 2025 slowed to 0.44pc year-on-year.

### **Current account swings to \$121m surplus in January**

KARACHI: The current account posted a surplus of \$121 million in January against a deficit of \$393m in the same month last year, data released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) showed on Tuesday.

### **IMF team due on 26th for review, budget talks**

ISLAMABAD: An International Monetary Fund (IMF) mission led by Iva Petrova is due to visit Pakistan on Feb 26 to review implementation of the \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF) and the \$1.1bn Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF), officials said.

### **No gas outages from 3am to 10:30pm**

LAHORE: The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) on Tuesday announced to supply gas to consumers in Lahore and other parts of the province from 3am to 10:30pm daily during the month of Ramazan.

## **THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL**

### **Textile industry pushes govt for hike in 11kV limit to 10MW to cut Rs600m cost**

ISLAMABAD: The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (Aptma) has urged the government to raise the 11kV load limit for large-scale manufacturing units from 7.5MW to 10MW, arguing that the change could save each industrial unit Rs500-600 million in avoidable capital expenditure.

### **Pakistan's textile exports jump 3.1pc in January to \$1.74bn**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's textile exports climbed to \$1.738 billion in January 2026, up 3.1 per cent from exports of the same month last year and surging 28.7 per cent from December, official data showed Tuesday.

### **Pakistan faces \$1.3bn Eurobond repayment in April as IMF review nears**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is set to repay a major foreign debt amounting to approximately \$1.3 billion upon the maturity of an international Eurobond in April 2026, including both principal and markup, as Islamabad continues to struggle to meet the Net International Reserves (NIR) targets under its programme with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

### **Govt to seek IMF nod to scrap off-grid levy after Rs100bn gas sector losses**

ISLAMABAD: The government is set to raise with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) mission, which is arriving on February 25, the controversial off-the-grid levy on captive power plants, which has caused significant financial and operational setbacks for Pakistan's gas and export sectors.

### **Discos seek Rs10.75bn in quarterly tariff hike**

ISLAMABAD: The power distribution companies (Discos) on Tuesday asked the regulator to approve Rs10.75 billion in additional charges under the second quarterly adjustment, a move that could translate 43 paise per unit increase for consumers nationwide, including K-Electric users.

### **Pakistan's factory output rebounds 4.82pc in first half of FY26**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's large-scale manufacturing (LSM) sector rebounded in the first half of FY26, expanding 4.82 per cent over the same period last year, driven by strong gains in automobiles, garments and petroleum products, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics reported Tuesday.

## **Pakistan records current account surplus of \$121m in January**

KARACHI: Pakistan posted a current account surplus of \$121 million in January, compared to a deficit of \$265 million in the previous month, the central bank data showed on Tuesday. The country recorded \$393 million current account deficit in January 2025.

## **KTBA seeks halt to super tax recoveries**

KARACHI: The Karachi Tax Bar Association (KTBA) has asked the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to suspend recovery proceedings relating to the super tax until the detailed judgment of the court is formally issued.

## **Banks to remain closed on first day of Ramazan**

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan will remain closed for public dealings on Ramazan 1, 1447 AH. The day will be treated as a bank holiday' for the purpose of the deduction of zakat, a statement said on Tuesday.

## **Zakat nisab fixed at Rs503,529 this year**

KARACHI: The government has set the 'nisab' for zakat for the year 1446-47 AH at Rs503,529, applicable for deductions from savings bank accounts, profit and loss sharing, and other similar accounts.

## **TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER**

### **IMF review tied to governance**

ISLAMABAD: The implementation of the Governance and Corruption Diagnostic report and the National Fiscal Pact will top the agenda of the upcoming International Monetary Fund (IMF) review talks for the release of the next loan tranches worth \$1.2 billion.

### **DISCOs seek additional Rs10.8b**

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Tuesday held a public hearing on the second quarterly adjustment for the current fiscal year, where power distribution companies (DISCOs) sought additional charges of Rs10.76 billion that could translate into a nationwide tariff hike of 43 paise per unit, including K-Electric.

### **Trade imbalance deepens external account strain**

KARACHI: Pakistan's external account remained under pressure in the first seven months of FY2025-26, as a widening trade deficit and rising import bill outweighed gains in services exports and workers' remittances, according to the State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) latest balance-of-payments (BoP) data released on Tuesday.

### **\$1b financing wins two IFN awards**

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Finance on Tuesday welcomed the announcement of the IFN Deals of the Year Awards 2025, under which Pakistan's \$1 billion syndicated financing has received two major international honours, highlighting renewed access to Shariah-compliant funding amid challenging global conditions.

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